

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall
extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base
defining an interior of the dish drainer;
at least one compartment formed contiguous with the
perimeter wall and extending within the interior;
a discrete water collecting tray having a footprint larger than the
base of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is in a
first deployed configuration, the discrete water collecting
tray being positionable substantially beneath the base of the
dish drainer, The set of claim 1 wherein the water collecting
tray includes at least one hinge, and wherein the water
collecting tray is folded about the hinge when the water
collecting tray is converted from the deployed to the storage
configuration; and
the discrete water collecting tray being compactable to a second
storage configuration and positionable entirely within the
interior of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is
in the second storage configuration.
4. (Previously Amended) The set of claim 3 wherein the water collecting tray is made from a synthetic resin and each hinge is a live hinge.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A dish drainer and tray set comprising:
a dish drainer having a perforate base and a perimeter wall
extending upward from the base, the perimeter wall and base
defining an interior of the dish drainer;
at least one compartment formed contiguous with the
perimeter wall and extending within the interior;
a discrete water collecting tray having a footprint larger than the
base of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is in a
first deployed configuration, the discrete water collecting
tray being positionable substantially beneath the base of the
dish drainer;
the discrete water collecting tray being compactable to a second
storage configuration and positionable entirely within the
interior of the dish drainer when the water collecting tray is
in the second storage configuration; and
~~The set of claim 1 further comprising a silverware compartment~~
~~which is readily detachable from or attachable to the water~~
~~collecting tray.~~

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10. (Previously Amended) The set of claim 9 wherein the compartment includes first locking components and the water collecting tray includes second locking components, the first and second locking components being locked together when the compartment is attached to the water collecting tray.

11. (Original) The set of claim 10 wherein one of the first and second locking components is a plurality of pegs and the other of the first and second locking components is a plurality of holes sized to receive the pegs.
12. (Previously Amended) The set of claim 9 wherein the silverware compartment is sized to fit entirely within the drainer interior when the water collecting tray is in the storage configuration.
13. (Canceled)
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17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)
19. (Canceled)
20. (Canceled)
21. (Canceled)
22. (New) The set of claim 9 wherein the tray is flexible and is rolled up to convert it from its deployed to its storage configuration.
23. (New) The set of claim 22 wherein the tray is made from a synthetic resin.
24. (New) The set of claim 22 wherein the tray includes a lock for maintaining the tray in its storage configuration.

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25. (New) The set of claim 24 wherein the tray has an upper surface and a lower surface and the lock comprises a plurality of pegs on one of the surfaces and a plurality of holes on the other of the surfaces located so that the pegs and holes are aligned when the tray is in its storage position and the pegs are inserted into the holes.
26. (New) The set of claim 9 wherein the water collecting tray includes at least one hinge and is folded about the hinge when the water collecting tray is converted from the first deployed to the second storage configuration.